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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF NSF OFFICIAL BODO BARTOCHA

1. DR. BODO BARTOCHA, HEA, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WILL VISIT BUDAPEST AND BUCHAREST FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND LOCAL OFFICIALS CONCERNING NSF COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAMS. POST ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE LOCAL APPOINTMENTS AND HOTEL SINGLE RESERVATIONS. LOCAL HOSTS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT LOCAL COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY USG AND THAT THE VISIT IS NOT REPEAT NOT AT LOCAL EXPENSE. SCHEDULE IS FOLLOWING:

A. MONDAY 6/2 1745 AR BUDAPEST LH 356
B. WEDNESDAY 6/4 1435 LV BUDAPEST RO 226
C. WEDNESDAY 6/4 1730 AR BUCHAREST RO 226
D. WEDNESDAY 6/11 1625 LV BUCHAREST SR 463

2. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF POSTS, NSF SUGGESTS THAT SCIATT BUCHARES T

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JOIN VISIT IN BUDAPEST AS WELL AS IN ROMANIA.

3. BUDAPEST. DR. BARTOCHA IS ACQUAINTED WITH HUNGARIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND FOR THIS VISIT HAS THE FOLLOWING LIMITED OBJECTIVES:

A. CONFERRAL AT KKI WITH DR. ENDRE ROSTA AND DR. JANOS LASANYI TO LEARN KKI PLANS FOR FUTURE COURSE OF NSF/KKI PROGRAM. THOUGH NOT AMONG THE PURPOSES OF THE VISIT, AN ITEM OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH KKI IS THE AMENDMENT TO THE NSF/KKI AGREEMENT (STATE A-490).

B. CONFERRAL REGARDING HUNGARIAN PLANNING FOR SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITYLINES OF ADVANCED RESEARCH. APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY INCLUDE MR. FRIGYES HORCHLER, NGKT, AND DR. ISTVAN LANG, MTA.

C. VISIT TO ONE OR TWO RESEARCH GROUPS TO BE SELECTED BY HUNGARIAN HOSTS. ADDITIONALLY, HE MAY JOIN ANY INFORMAL EVENT SCHEDULED IN BUDAPEST FOR PARTICIPANTS IN AAG/FKI GEOGRAPHY SEMINAR, IF CONVENIENT AND WITHOUT ALTERING PLANS OF LOCAL ORGANIZER MARTON PECSI.

4. BUCHAREST. DR. BARTOCHA DESIRES THOROUGH FAMILIARIZATION WITH SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS IN ROMANIA AND REQUESTS SCIATT BUCHAREST TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS.

A. HE DESIRES SCIENCE POLICY DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, NCST, SCNE, MHE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES CONCERNED WITH ADVANCED RESEARCH.

B. ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED PRIORITY AREAS OF ROMANIAN ADVANCED RESEARCH, HE WISHES DISCUSSION OF MEANS OF DEVELOPING NSF/NCST PROGRAM TO A MORE SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. THESE MEANS MAY INCLUDE GREATER ROMANIAN INITIATIVE IN THE SCIENTIST-TO-SCIENTIST FORMULATION OF PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH AND FOR SEMINARS. THE MEANS MAY ALSO INCLUDE ROMANIAN NOMINATION OF EXCHANGE VISITOR CANDIDATES FULLY QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN SCIENTIFICALLY SIGNIFICANT ADVANCED RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

C. HE WISHES TO VISIT RESEARCH GROUPS IN BUCHAREST AND ELSEWHERE, RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH IN CURRENT AREAS OF HIGH SCIENTIFIC PRIORITY. THESE GROUPS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE CONFINED TO, THOSE WHICH PRESENTLY HAVE AN AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP OR AN AMERICAN VISITOR PRESENT.

C. DR. BARTOCHA DESIRES ARRIVAL BRIEFING BY POST ON CURRENT PROBLEMS AFFECTING OPERATION OF NSF/NCST PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDE INSTANCES OF FAILURE OR DELAY OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND INSTANCES OF NON-RESPONSIVENESS OF ROMANIAN INVESTIGATORS TO INQUIRIES OF AMERICAN INVESTIGATORS. ALSO INCLUDED ARE ANY PROBLEMS CONFRONTING UNCLASSIFIED

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